MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN : ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ നിയമം അനുസരിച്ച് പബ്ലിക്ക് സർവീസു കമ്മിഷണർ റെക്കമെൻറു ചെയ്തയക്കുന്ന ആളുകളെയാണ് ഡയറക്ടായി റിക്രൂട്ട് ചെയ്യുന്നതു്. പബ്ളിക്ക് സവ്വീസ് കമ്മീഷണർ ന്യായവിരുദ്ധമായി റെക്കമെൻറ് ചെയ്യുകയില്ലാ എന്നാണു ഞാൻ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നതു്. പിന്നെ ഈ വ്യത്യാസം എങ്ങനെ വന്നു?

VAIDYASASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE : Because no qualified candidate was available, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Sir, from the appendix III in answer to this question it is seen there is an officer called Assistant Sub-Assistant Surgeon. Is there any officer like that ?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE : It is a printing mistake, Sir. The word "and" has been omitted.

Travancore State Manual.

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(*a*) whether the new Travancore State Manual is printed and ready for publication ;

(*b*) whether any and what sale price is fixed for it ;

(*c*) the name of the author who compiled it ;

(*d*) the date when he was authorised to compile it ;

(*e*) the date when he submitted his report to the Government about the completion of the work ;

(*f*) the total remuneration paid to him for the work ;

(*g*) the total remuneration paid to the staff, if any, for their work ; and

(*h*) whether copies of the book are being supplied free to the members of the Legislature ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Volumes I, III and IV of the publication have been printed and published.

Volume II is under scrutiny.

(*b*) Four volumes at Bh. Rs. 5 each.

(*c*) Sadasya Tilaka T. K. Velu Pillai Avl.

(*d*) 16th October 1936.

(*e*) 4th January 1941.

(*f*) Rs. 7,000 only.

(*g*) Rs. 8,255 by way of salary for the staff, Rs. 150 towards remuneration to part-time staff and Rs. 1,262-7-0 for proof correction, etc.

(*h*) No.

MR. DOMINIC JOSEPH (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*) : May I know how long is it since the volume has been published ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : Nearly four months.

MR. DOMINIC JOSEPH : May I know whether it is ready for sale ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : Yes.

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MR. K. G. GOVINDAN (*Pathanamthitta*): With reference to answer to part (*b*) may I know whether Government have considered the question of supplying copies free to the members of the Legislature?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Government have not considered that question.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN: May I know whether Government would consider that question?

PRESIDENT: That is a question of future policy.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN: May I know whether Government are aware that if copies are supplied free to the members of the Legislature they would find it convenient to discharge their duties as members of the Legislature?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: That is a matter of opinion.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know who is scrutinising the work?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: That information cannot be disclosed:

PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know why volumes III and IV have been scrutinised before scrutinising volume II?

PRESIDENT: That volume contains historical facts and there are likely to be controversies.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the most important matters on which there appears to be some contraversy?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: The whole book is to be scrutinised.

PRESIDENT: I do not think there is any difficulty about it. Scholarship is advancing by leaps and bounds. There was not very much research with regard to lithographs till about 25 years ago. Within the last 10 years a great deal of light upon the inter-relation of the Pandya and Chola Kingdoms has been thrown and certain matters hitherto hidden have been brought to light by a reading of the inscriptions on the plates which have been discovered as a reseult of the researches of the Archaeological Department. There are references in which there is likely to be a difference of opinion in the light of these discoveries. So the attempt of Government has been to present it in such a way so that there would not be any criticism from any foreign scholars.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): May I know the harm in disclosing the name of the person who is scrutinising the Volume?

PRESIDENT: There may be difficulties about it. Among scholars there is what may be called unrespectful co-operation.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, are we not entitled to know the name of the person who is entrusted with the work?

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PRESIDENT : Afterwards the names of all the persons who have scrutinised the work will probably be published by Government by issuing a note on the matter. At present Government are asking certain people to scrutinise the work and if Government are not satisfied with their work they will be asking more people to do the work.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether the work of scrutiny is entrusted to Travancoreans or outsiders?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: The information cannot be disclosed.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the persons who are entrusted with the work of scrutiny are to be paid by Government?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: At present there is no such idea.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know when the scrutiny will be over?

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pathanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): May I know whether Volume II has been printed?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Yes.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the number of copies printed?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: I claim notice.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the cost of printing the Volume which is not published?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: The information is not available.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether it was ordered to be printed before scrutinising it?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: The printing was ordered some three years ago. I cannot give more information now.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: The Volume being printed, my question is whether it was ordered to be printed, before scrutiny?

PRESIDENT: When I went through the Volume, I came to the conclusion that some of the statements contained therein are not quite accurate and so I thought that I should seek the help of some scholars to assist me in that matter. With all respects to the author, I should say that some of the historical facts were not accurate. I am not a historian by profession. Even then I thought that there were certain matters which should be challenged and criticised and that is why scrutiny has been ordered.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnathur*): May I know whether because Volume II has not been published, there is any harm in selling the other Volumes?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: There is absolutely nothing wrong in it.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether copies have been supplied to the Legislative Library?

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RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : I am not quite sure. I shall verify.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether it is a Government publication ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : That is a matter of opinion.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Sir, the fact whether a certain book is a Government publication or not, is it a matter of opinion ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : It is a matter of opinion.

PRESIDENT : Government do not take the responsibility for the accuracy of what is contained in the publication. The Government of India never take responsibility of the accuracy of the statements contained in similar publications although they would say that they are published at their cost.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : That is with regard to ownership. My question is whether it is a Government publication ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : Government have incurred expenditure on account of printing, the officer who wrote the book has been paid and it is open to the honourable member to form his own conclusions.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether the members of the Legislature are entitled to get a copy each ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : I have already said that the matter has not been considered.

PRESIDENT : Was the last publication given free ?

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI : At that time there was no legislature.

Training of Nurses and Compounders.

284. ***MR. THARIATHU KUNJITHOMMEN :** Will the Government be pleased :

(*a*) to state—

(i) whether any institution is being conducted by the Medical Department during this year for the training of nurses and compounders ; and

(ii) if so, whether the persons to be admitted to the course were selected by the Department or by the Government ; and

(*b*) to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the persons so selected ?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE : (*a*) (i) A class is now conducted in the General Hospital for training of Male Nurses.

(ii) Selected by Government

(*b*) The *statement is placed on the table.

**Vide* Appendix IV page 744.

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